

SENATE BILL 1509

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
relative to reserved parking for expectant mothers
and parents with infants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, is amended by adding
the following as a new part:

55-21-301.

(a) A business, firm, or other person transacting business with the public from a permanent location may provide at least two (2) specially marked parking spaces for the exclusive use of women who are pregnant or for any person who brings an infant less than two (2) years of age into the business, firm, or person's business location.

(b) The specially marked parking spaces authorized by subsection (a) must have a sign marked "Reserved for Expectant Mothers and Persons with Infants".

(c) Subsection (a) applies to businesses, firms, or persons conducting business with the public from a permanent location who provide such specially marked parking spaces after July 1, 2021. Businesses, firms, or persons conducting business with the public from a permanent location who provide such specially marked parking spaces on or before July 1, 2021, may comply with subsection (a) when compliance is readily achievable.

(d) Any person, except a woman who is pregnant or a person who brings an infant less than two (2) years of age, who parks in any parking space designated with the sign permitted by subsection (a), is subject to a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00),

which must be paid to the clerk of the court, who shall transfer it to the state treasurer to be credited to the general fund.

(e) Signs designating the specially marked parking spaces permitted by subsection (a) must indicate that the driver of unauthorized vehicles may be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(f) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, state and local authorities shall enforce subsection (a) in their respective jurisdictions, whether violations occur on public or private property, in the same manner used to enforce other parking laws.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.